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Superheroes unite at Tri-Con

BY JORDAN JORDHON

Kitchener was on good hands on Jan. 17 and 18 as dozens of superheroes were in town. Although they weren't fighting crime, they were having a good time attending the Kitchener-Waterloo Tri-Con.

The convention held at THE MUSEUM featured people dressed as characters from comic books and video games, complete with colorful wigs and props.

James' comic book and cell phone and games of all ages were encouraged to come out and enjoy the two-day event. The K-W Tri-Con took over all three floors of the building with various vendors, short story writing and article all on schedule. Drawing classes and games took place on the main floor, while the Kitchener-Waterloo Tri-Con took place on the main floor. The band Cybertones also performed on Saturday night.

The numerous writers who made their first appearance at the event were happy with the feedback they received.

"This was my first time at Tri-Con and they had a pretty good turnout and a great time," said author Victoria Ross-Thorne.

Thorne has written two comic books, *Dragon Wings*, which was published in 2008 and *After the Dragon Road*, which

was published in two serial novels. They were released in 2010 and 2012.

Thorne was not the only well-known writer in attendance. Jan Frankel, novelist and screenwriter, was there as well.

"I grew up in London, Ont., but live in Toronto now so it was nice to get back into the K-W area," she said.

Frankel has written many novels and short stories. She is most well-known for *Chickadee*, a novel about a woman who is only able to talk to birds on a table, which was featured in an *Interplay* segment. *Interplay* is a Canadian sci-fi talk show on the TV channel Space.

Frankel has won awards for her writing and has received several nominations from Canada.

"With my competitors and a support who were there turned up at the K-W Tri-Con at their events on 6 that week."

"It was great. It's always fun putting together my and many people who read *Dragon Wings*. It was a really fun event, and I was attending for the first Tri-Con dressed as a female version of *Dragon Wings* from *Game of Thrones*."

Dr. Ross was just one of many fans who role-played writing and posing for pictures with fans of the *Interplay* comic series.



PHOTO BY JORDAN JORDHON

Costume designer (top) dressed up as Robin from *Batman* at the Kitchener-Waterloo Tri-Con at THE MUSEUM on Jan. 17. For more, go to www.spokeonline.com.



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Costume designer (top) dressed up as female *Robin* from *Game of Thrones* at the K-W Tri-Con.



PHOTO BY JORDAN JORDHON

Costume designer dressed as *Robin* from *Batman* at Tri-Con.



PHOTO BY MIKE HOWELL

Myah Leland, a second-year student, looks on intently as students talk in a study break to look for some reason for failure in their classroom computer lab. YouLab has been around since 2005.

YouTube turns 10 next month

BY MIKE HOWELL

It has become such an integral part of our daily routine that the hard-to-imagine life without it and next month it turns 10.

YouTube was started in 2005 by three former PayPal employees in San Francisco, Calif., beginning as a venture-backed technology startup. The initial idea for it came after Javed Karim could not easily find clips for his very different, even the infamous Janet Jackson Super Bowl performance and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

The first video was uploaded on April 23, 2005. It was titled "Me at the Zoo" and showed Karim at the San Diego Zoo. That video was still in vogue today.

The official launch took place on November 3, 2005 and by July 2006 the company stated that more than 65,000 new videos were being uploaded every day and that the site was processing 100 million video views a day. Compared that with the fact that video views a day that YouTube reported taking place in 2007 and the picture is staggering.

Many video people follow along doing rule things and police brutality can all be found on YouTube. It is interesting that it has also become a vital tool for experiencing when a happening around the world. The recent Ferguson, Mo. riots are a great example of events perceived where anyone with a smartphone can capture video of what is taking place at any given moment, and then share it instantly.

Chris Adams, a second-year public relations student, uses YouTube on a daily basis.

"I typically use YouTube for music," Adams says, "but it's just the standard of checking out the music video videos."

Martin and

Bradley Chakrabarti, a male or of two young boys and one, spend her days here like in any of us enjoying the video of YouTube.

"I usually waste minutes hours watching a variety of videos from music to Top 10 fact lists to drunk people falling down. It's a great way to pass time or to explore things and that's why the things people and kids will find on YouTube," Chakrabarti said.

Being interesting, YouTube has also become an essential promotional tool for artists of all walks of life. Artists can gain live performance or fan-made music videos to get their music out to the masses without being part of a record label. Filmmakers can post short movies that have created which can then be seen by producers looking for video direction.

On a deeper level, YouTube has brought storytelling to the world in our voices. Video of terrible situations and experiences have been caught, and then shared for anyone to see the meaning in what is showing what some parts of the world are going through. Revolutionaries, workers and oppression are being seen and shared with the rest of us.

Adams also sees it as a fun, educational tool to show what varying parts of the world go through.

"It could have been largely responsible for the Arab Spring revolutions that took place a few years ago. People are oppressed states finally had a first time live look at how the rest of us live our lives," Martin said.

Whether the use of YouTube is for entertainment or to highlight aspects of human nature, it has brought us all a little closer by letting us to see something through a different set of eyes.

CHEFS WILL FACE THE HEAT IN IRON CHEF COMPETITION



PHOTO BY ALAN WELLS

The fourth annual Iron Chef Challenge competition, which will be held Feb. 6, provides a great first exposure for young chefs. Here, Conestoga first-year chef student Katie McElroy gets some tips from her mentor.



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Local airbrush artist becoming popular

BY GUY MATHIAS-JONES

From a young age he was always able to draw. Growing up in England his family never had much so he did general sketches to pass the time. But who knew he would come to be Michael Brown, a 33-year-old Bournemouth resident, his talent has shining skills of pencil sketching and turned it into so much more.

The radio-controlled airplane fanatic was in the mood of building a Bafford when he decided he wanted to show his two men out in the world.

"I wanted to put my own digital into the picture, even paint a guide on the front," Brown said.

Not knowing how to airbrush, he decided to go online and watch YouTube tutorials on how to do it. It, nevertheless, took a while to learn.

"I never took any art class in school," Brown said.

Now the self-taught artist has done everything from sketching roller derby helmets to portraits of people.

"When I started doing portraits, it was fairly flat, getting my lines from well above was something I never did before," Brown said.

Not completely sure how his airbrush technique on local

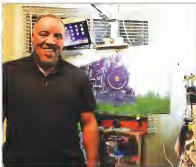


PHOTO BY MICHAEL JONES

Bournemouth resident Michael Brown started out as an airbrush artist but later moved to painting of landscapes and scenery to his portfolio. For a full list is www.1uponline.com

scapes looked his wife Cindy took it upon herself to help him out.

"I went on Flickr and looked up artists and I found a Michael Roth class," she said.

Like when Brown showed up at the class he was surprised to learn that instead of air-

brushing it was oil painting — which he had never done before. The artist had to learn quickly but managed to catch on. From Brown, who claims all his work from home has begun to sell his art.

From custom pieces that are requested to landscape oil paintings, he does it all. Recently his work was displayed and put up the side on the Bournemouth Docks.

Brown takes all his own photos and uses them as reference for his work.

"I have a camera and I taught myself how to use it," he said. "I don't paint pictures with the thought that I am going to sell them to some body else. I take pictures and paint them because I like the way it looks and I am looking forward to it. It inspires me and gets me excited. Sometimes when you're doing commission paintings, you're not excited. You just get paid to do it but it's just not challenging."

Brown's work sells for \$500 and up, depending on each thing is custom size and the project itself. But they are a sight to see.

Take a peek by going to Brown's art Facebook page at www.facebook.com/guy.michael.brown. R. Brown. Artist424242@71184222



Brown is able to please in the art community with his interesting but oil of worked on painting to his portfolio.



Above is Brown's first roller derby helmet that he airbrushed. Below is his self portrait.



Barber gives advice

BY LARRY MCNEIL

Beer and friends are an unusual combination that wouldn't typically mesh well together. However, they were a winning combination at least for one night.

On Jan. 14, THE GEAR ROOM hosted the Beer & Beards event in Burlington. Approximately 15 people who were predominantly men enjoyed some alcoholic beverages while being given valuable information about prostate health and hair.

James McDermott, owner of Tommy Gans' Grooming, moderated the discussion kept the audience engaged while giving out the useful advice. McDermott had hair care and skin care products on a display table and passed them around. He also demonstrated how to properly use a straight razor.

According to McDermott, it's surprising to give men advice on growing their beards and hair. "The really surprising part was a lot of men don't know where to turn or where to visit. So it was fun to be able to give them some advice



PHOTO BY LARRY MCNEIL

Derek West, (from left to right), James McDermott, Dennis M. (Dermot) and Brian van Gers pose in front of a backdrop at a Beer & Beards event at THE GEAR ROOM on Jan. 14.

time that are easy and practical.

The fact that hair was served at the occasion was added incentive for people to attend. The crowd was primarily interested while McDermott spoke, and to get answers directed by asking their questions about their growing beards.

Event sponsor James

Good discussed plans for the next Beer & Beards event.

"We're looking to start it up in the fall again. So we'll bring chairs, again, and come up with some other ideas and continue the series," she said.

The next Beer & Beards event is on Feb. 11, titled Beer & Beards: A Beer & Beards event will break the four-part series on March 15.

BOONSKOT LAYS DOWN SOME TRACKS



PHOTO BY LARRY MCNEIL

Corneille College continued to be busy with a new themed party in the January series 15. Ryan Franks and the rest of the staff of the Corneille College got the party pumping with DJ Boonskot. Also Boonskot. So to have a good time for a while at the event.

QUINDAO AND CONESTOGA COMBINE FOR BUSINESS VENTURE



PHOTO BY LARRY MCNEIL

Quindao's Business School and Conestoga College are working together to create a new program called Business School Supply Chain and Operations where students at Conestoga will receive education from Conestoga College. For more information, visit www.conestoga.ca.

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Aries

March 21 -
April 19

Aries, you are known to be impatient. Don't worry about the small things. There's more important things to focus your energy toward.



Libra

September 23 -
October 23

The final lesson you want and a new adventure is just around the corner. Embrace the good and the bad as it comes, you won't regret it.



Taurus

April 20 -
May 20

Don't let any stress from the past in order to move on. Take your time and be patient. This week is optimistic.



Scorpio

October 24 -
November 22

Your relationships may make you forget this week. Try to be more flexible and good things may be within your grasp.



Gemini

May 21 -
June 21

Decide you are known to be adaptable. Big changes are ahead your way. Learn to adapt and accept things that won't be changed.



Sagittarius

November 23 -
December 21

It's a new year which brings new opportunities. Expand your horizon. Don't be afraid to leave your comfort zone.



Cancer

June 22 -
July 22

Cancer, you are known to be self-absorbed. You are confident and attention from those around you. This week is independent.



Capricorn

December 22 -
January 19

Remember the better to keep things close to the vest. This week don't reveal too much about yourself.



Leo

July 23 -
August 22

Those around you need encouragement for the successful times ahead. Be supportive and good fortune may come to you.



Aquarius

January 20 -
February 18

Aquarius, you are known to be outdoors. This may lead to bad happen in your future. Learn to let go.



Virgo

August 23 -
September 22

Looking forward may be more beneficial for you this week. Look which way they. This week is about you.



Pisces

March 23 -
April 20

Those you are known to be accepting. Accept those around you for who they truly are. This may bring out the best in you.



Useless Facts

A duck's quack doesn't echo and no one knows why.

Cher's last name was 'Swenson'. She changed it because no one could pronounce it.

The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672.

Glenn means to drink like a duck.

Dr. Seuss pronounced his name 'Seoyus'.

Sudoku Puzzle

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9 without repeating any.

Word Search

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S	N	H	D	O	H	A	L	F	T	I	M	E	H	N	K	LEAGUE
F	E	U	G	A	E	L	H	P	Q	U	N	X	Z	M	I	GAME
B	D	S	N	A	F	S	R	E	N	R	O	F	R	E	P	TEAM
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